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For: SHEET FOR PROTECTING PAINT FILMS OF AUTOMOBILES

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Sir:

I, Tsuyoshi INOUE, hereby declare and state:

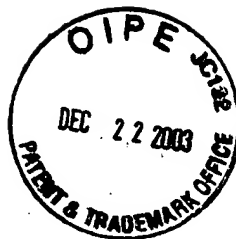
THAT I am a citizen of Japan;

THAT I have received the degree of Masters in Engineering and Design from Kyoto
Institute of Technology in March 1991;

THAT I have been employed by NITTO DENKO CORPORATION since April 1991,
where I hold a position as a researcher, with responsibility for synthesis of polymer materials and
development of surface protective materials;

THAT I am an inventor of the present application;

THAT The following experiments were carried out by me or under my direct supervision.



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EXPERIMENTS

Example I of Miyahara and Example 1 of Seth were used to obtain tapes.

Each of the tapes thus obtained was subjected to the same tests as described in the present application.

The results obtained are shown in the Table below, together with the results obtained in Example I of the present application.

		Example 1 of Present Application	Example 1 of Miyahara	Example 1 of Seth
Structure	Basis weight of non-woven fabric	40 g/m ²	70 g/m ²	45 g/m ²
	Polyolefin film	PP film 20 µm	PE film 50 µm	PP film 65 µm
	Pressure-sensitive adhesive	PIB 15 µm	SIS 280 µm	SIS 38 µm
Results of evaluation tests	Follow-up performance to curved surface	Good	Wrinkles generated	Wrinkles generated
	Permeation of Water	None	Yes	Yes
	Protecting properties	Good	Good	Good
	Peeling properties	Good	Poor	Poor
	Adhesion strength (N/25 mm)	2.7	Peeling impossible	Peeling impossible

PIB: Polyisobutylene

SIS: Styrene-isoprene-styrene

Based on the results, I conclude that Example 1 of Miyahara et al and Example 1 of Seth perform like cloth tapes, and cannot be used as a protective sheet intended in the present invention.

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